

Menominee County Finance Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
July 22, 2010  
**Approved 8.17.10**

The Finance committee of the Menominee County Board met on July 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Twin County Airport – Conference Room. Present at the meeting were Com. Charlie Meintz, Com. Garry Anderson, Brian R. Bousley, Administrator, & Sherry Smith, Admin. Asst.

**Also present:** Diane Lesperance, Peggy Schroud, James Furlong

**Agenda** was approved – Com. Meintz was not available for 9:00 a.m. Com. Anderson approved the agenda. Com. Meintz arrived at 9:10 a.m.

**Previous Meeting minutes:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Business:**

- a. Presentation by Vince Babcock- Employee Benefits Agency Inc.  
If you choose our business we will give you support with things like: benefit strategy, cost containment, bargain contract negotiations.
- b. Review/Discussion of 2010/2011 Budget  
Meintz- The salaries are under 67% as of June. We have to use those employees to maintain the safety of the jail; we had two murderers in the jail the past year. Wants to get the doors fixed in the maximum security. We want to trim the budget somewhere so we can get back to doing maintenance on the facilities in the counties that haven't been taken care of. I want to take of the rear entrance of the jail so we can get a fire escape. I want to make improvements to the jail for safety and efficiency. Bousley- We have to keep the benefits the same for the employees. Meintz- I have another question, on the secondary road patrol is that grant going to be secure for this year? Meintz- We should have safety nets in place because we are responsible for the safety of the tax payer and we should hold extreme responsibility for the money that we hold. Lesperance- What is the designated building fund supposed to be for? The courthouse or jail? Meintz- I am not exactly sure how we got this money. Smith- I have actual minutes that say where it went and where it came from. It came from a DTRF fund. It specifically states that \$2,330,000 is designated to the County's General Fund to be used for future County building projects.

**Correspondence:** None

**Any Other items Members may wish to present:** None

**Public Comment:** Brian Neumeier- I think one of the things you need to differentiate is ongoing

maintenance versus capital improvement. There was always a lot of ongoing maintenance going on and not a lot of money spent on larger projects. Looking at the budget, you have almost 5 million in fund equity over the last 5 or 6 years. You shouldn't take ongoing yearly operating expenses out of your fund equity. You live with the tax dollars that you collect, and that's how you balance your budget.

Peggy Schroud- The jeep is 8 years old and showing signs of wear and tear. I hope that you look at replacing it.

Brian Neumeier- There is really not a lot of savings if you're going to ship out inmates, because you're going to pay the per diem for where ever you put them.

**The committee adjourned at: 10:33 a.m.**

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